

AMMONIA WRECKS BUILDING, KILLS 5

Four Story Brooklyn Structure Lifted in Air and Reduced to Scrap Heap.

MANY NARROW ESCAPES

Explosion Occurs in Refrigerating Plant Recently Installed in Butcher Shop.

Firemen and employees of the Building Department, in shifts of fifty, were still at work late last night cleaning up the wreckage of the four-story brick building at 339 Macon street, Brooklyn, where five persons were killed in the morning by an explosion of ammonia in a refrigerating plant.

The explosion affected half a dozen city departments, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, gas and electric light companies, stopped work on streets, and rendered nearby houses uninhabitable. So great was the damage done that the bodies of the victims were not extricated until late in the afternoon.

THE DEAD.

BYRNES, Miss ANNA, 25, a customer, 361 Halsey street.
JOHNSON, CHARLES, 25, driver, 474 Hancock street.
SCHMIDT, M. N., 30, boss butcher, 435 Sumner avenue.
STALB, Miss LILLIAN, 25, cashier, 47 Eldert street.

THOMPSON, BRODER, 19, clerk, nephew of Schmidt.
Beside the dead, who were buried in the collapse of the building, fully a dozen persons were injured by fragments of glass and other debris.
Mrs. Charles E. Peabody, wife of a hardware merchant who lives at 231A Macon street, next door to the butcher shop, and her maid, a Mrs. Roth, escaped injury or death by less than a minute. The two women were in the house alone and had just climbed the stairway to the second floor when the explosion occurred, ripping a great hole in the dining room wall below, where chimney and fireplace had been.

The explosion occurred in a refrigerating plant recently installed by Schmidt, who had conducted a butcher shop on the ground floor for about a year. It was due to the blowing up of an ammonia tank five feet long by two and a half feet in diameter. This tank was dragged out of the cellar through a hole made in the wreckage a few minutes after the fifth body had been recovered and, strangely enough, it showed few signs of damage for the havoc it had caused, being intact except for the blown out ends.

The noise and shock of the explosion were terrific, covering an area of several blocks, and witnesses assert that the building was lifted from its foundations, apparently intact, to a height of two stories, then went to pieces completely and rained back into the open hole of the cellar, the debris spilling across the car tracks in Sumner avenue and piling to the second story against the wall of the house adjoining.

A cloud of ammonia fumes rolled up Macon street for half a block before it was dissipated by the wind. Several persons in a Sumner avenue car were overcome by the fumes and others were cut by flying glass.

Although the explosion occurred in the morning, the wreckage was so solidly packed that it was 4:30 in the afternoon before the first body, that

RUINS of four story building at Sumner avenue and Macon street, Brooklyn, wrecked by explosion of ammonia in refrigerating plant, from which the bodies of five victims were taken.



of Miss Stalb, was reached. Within twelve minutes three other bodies had been taken out, however, and Johnson's body, the fifth to be recovered, was removed at 5:30.
The bodies of Miss Stalb and Miss Byrnes were found together. The latter had gone to the shop to purchase meat for her brother, Frank Byrnes, a druggist of 345 Halsey street. It is reported that Miss Byrnes was to have been married in a few weeks.

RULES NOT ENFORCED.

Wallstein Reports on Inspections of Refrigerating Plants.

Commissioner of Accounts Wallstein in a report to Mayor Mitchell yesterday on his examination of the division of combustibles of the Bureau of Fire Prevention indicates that the regulations governing refrigerating plants such as that which exploded yesterday have not been enforced lately.
"The regulations as to refrigerating plants became effective in July 1915," the report says, "but no provision was made for inspectors to enforce them. The work is of a technical character and no force was provided until the first of January, 1916."

"Meanwhile the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers declared that the enforcement of the regulations would introduce serious hazards. The enforcement was therefore held up pending the completion of tests by this organization. These tests are about finished and the revised regulations are in progress of formulation. Inspection in the meantime is under way."

The report tells of improved conditions in places which store moving picture films, dry cleaning shops, rag shops and public garages and places where explosives, oils or drugs are kept. It recommends that much of the inspecting now done by the division's inadequate force be done by firemen.

SUBWAY CAVES IN AS SEWER BURSTS

Brooklyn Trolley Slides Into Nostrand Avenue Ditch, Injuring Four Men.

At the height of yesterday's thunder shower a storm sewer at Nostrand avenue and Beverly road, Brooklyn, burst, its flood poured along the excavation for the new Nostrand avenue subway, tearing earth from under the props that support the temporary wooden pavement of the avenue.

Nostrand avenue trolley cars approaching the spot were directed to stop and discharge their passengers, as the subway structure for a stretch of several blocks was in danger of collapse.
One car, which had nearly reached Beverly road on its way to Flatlands, started backward, the motorman intending to get it out of the zone of peril. When midway between Beverly road and Tilden avenue seventy feet of the street caved in, the car slid down an incline and fell on its side into a hole twenty-six feet deep. A derrick and derrick house crashed down on top of it.

Ambulances from several hospitals were called, but no one was seriously hurt. Thomas Grady, motorman, and Robert J. Ryan, conductor of the wrecked car, and two other B. R. T. employees who were riding with them—Joseph Payton and Albert Glynn—were cut and bruised, but were able to go to their homes.

Assistant District Attorney Goldstein started questioning Daniel C. Corwin, the Public Service Commission's engineer for this subway section, as to the security of the timbers, but Public Service Commissioner Whitney, saying that Corwin was needed to make sure that a row of brick houses beside the hole in the street were safe, took him away. Chief Engineer Craven of the commission and Le Roy T. Harkness, chief of its rapid transit bureau, said Brooklyn's storm sewers were generally too small to carry off heavy rains.

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BUILDING COLLAPSE KILLS 3.
Five Men Severely Hurt in Storm Near Buffalo.
BUFFALO, July 13.—Three men were killed, five men were seriously injured and several were reported missing in the collapse today of one of the main buildings of the plant of the Smet Solvay Company on the Niagara River road, two miles from Buffalo's city line.
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Sleeping Fireman Has Bad Fall.
Fireman Gerald Harrigan of Engine No. 76 fell from a third floor window of the company's headquarters, 105 West 124th street, yesterday when asleep. He was taken to the Knickerbocker Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain.

GOVERNOR ORDERS GARBAGE INQUIRY

Hears Staten Islanders' Plea and Dr. Biggs Will Investigate.

ALBANY, July 13.—The Staten Islanders who filed the Executive Chamber 200 strong today to protest to Gov. Whitman against the building of New York city's garbage reduction plant on Staten Island, started home with smiles of victory. The Governor announced tonight he thought it advisable to have Commissioner Herman M. Biggs of the State Department of Health investigate the Staten Islanders' arguments that the garbage plant would be a menace to public health.

There is a section of the public health law which specifically gives authority for a request by the Governor to the Health Commissioner to investigate such matters. In case Commissioner Biggs should decide that the reduction plant would be a public nuisance a stop could be put to the building of the plant.

"I think the results desired could be best secured by an investigation by Commissioner Biggs," said Gov. Whitman after the Staten Island delegation had offered the Grand Jury presentation on the problem and through District Attorney Albert Fach had elaborated to the Governor upon section 76 of the public health law, the section which gives a Governor the right to have his Health Commissioner make an investigation where a nuisance seems imminent.

"On behalf of the Civic League of Staten Island," said Vice-Chairman W. W. Mills, "I beg to ask a thorough inquiry by Dr. Biggs. We feel, Governor, that after the investigation you may be impelled to look more generally into the peculiar circumstances that surround this whole business."

District Attorney Fach also drew the Governor's attention to Section 76 of the public health laws, which forbids the discharging of refuse or waste matter in New York waters. Mr. Fach dwelling chiefly on the inevitable scattering of garbage from the big scows headed toward the proposed plant on Staten Island.

The Governor seemed particularly interested when Mr. Fach finally called attention to some old treaties with the State of New Jersey which tended to show that vessels moored along the Staten Island shore are really under the quarantine and health regulations of New Jersey. The proposed plan is also opposed by the New Jersey folk.

Mr. Fach also dwelt on a legal section which prohibits the building of such a plant without a permit from the State Commissioner of Health. So far such a permit has not been obtained. The Governor and the Staten Island delegation seemed much pleased with the progress made during the conference.

ISSUES TWO PERMITS.

Richmond Building Commissioner Starts Garbage Plant.

Building Commissioner William McDermott of Richmond last night signed a permit for the erection of two of the three buildings that the garbage contractors have been trying to build at Lake Island. The permits are for an office building and a dormitory. Commissioner McDermott was ordered by Corporation Counsel Hardy to issue a permit for the garbage destructor within five days.

Lake Island was guarded last night by fifteen armed men hired by the contractors and by fifteen New York policemen. It was said that the contractors would put 250 men to work on the plant today.

KEPT FROM GRAVE OF MAN SHE SHOT

Mrs. Beutinger Weeps in Cell as She Begs Children to Go to Funeral.

NEWARK, N. J., July 13.—The funeral of Christopher Beutinger, who was shot and killed by his wife in their home, 7 Hillcrest road, Caldwell, was held this afternoon. The Rev. John R. Kern, pastor of the Orange Valley German Presbyterian Church, officiated. Interment was in the Caldwell cemetery.

In a cell in the Newark Jail Mrs. Beutinger, refused permission to attend the funeral, consoled herself with memories of a visit paid to her by her children, Margaret and Marie. She wept when told she could not attend the funeral and begged that her five children

"Tell them to go and pay their last respects to their father," Mrs. Beutinger said. "Despite anything he may have done he is their father."

Frank M. McDermitt announced today that he had been engaged by Mrs. Beutinger to take full charge of her interests, but had been refused recognition as her counsel by the prosecutor's office. Chief Weimer of the county detectives said Walter G. Brandeis is Mrs. Beutinger's counsel so far as the law is concerned, but no other lawyer would be permitted to see her without a written request from her.

Despite this Mr. McDermitt is working to obtain the temporary release of Mrs. Beutinger and will demand that she be admitted to bail. He contends that under the law all crimes but treason are bailable. He said bonds of \$1,000,000 will be supplied by the woman's friends if necessary. Mr. McDermitt contemplates asking for a writ of habeas corpus from the Federal court.

72, BUT BEATS 4 INTRUDERS.

Capt. Webber, Yacht Builder, Drives Trespassers Overboard.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., July 13.—Capt. Thomas R. Webber, a yacht builder who built some of the fastest yachts on Long Island Sound in his day, is 72 years old, but last night he beat four husky Italians on his private dock in Neptune Harbor, New Rochelle.

The night was hot and Capt. Webber went down to smoke a pipe and get a breath of air. He discovered three men asleep in the cabin of his new power cruiser and one sitting in a deck chair fishing. He ordered them out and they asked him.

With his fists he beat them until three jumped overboard and swam away. The fourth he threw into the bay after them. Then he lit his pipe and took a cool nap on the boat.

FLEEING CONVICT IS NABBED.

Detective Attacked by Sing Sing Man's Actions in Rain.

In a downpour of rain last night a man ran through Guion place, Richmond Hill, and something about his appearance attracted the attention of Detective Nuppreau, who accosted the runner. He proved to be Anthony Alloy, recently escaped from Sing Sing prison. Alloy was wearing civilian clothes, which he had obtained since leaving the prison, and was shielding his face with his coat. He was put in the Jamaica police station and the Sing Sing authorities were notified.

Alloy was sentenced to Sing Sing from Long Island City on November 2, 1913.

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Men Who are Wise Enough to Play a Little Will Take the Time Today to Prepare Themselves To Enjoy Their Play

Cool 2-piece suits of Palm Beach cloth, cut the Wanamaker way, clever merging of ease and smartness, \$10 and \$12.50.

Coat and trousers of genuine Shantung Pongee in three weights, \$16.50, \$18.75, \$22.50.

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Blue serge suits, \$18.50 to \$30; some half silk lined; some double breasted.

Tennis flannels: gray, \$5; white, \$5, \$7.50, \$8, \$10; striped, \$6, \$8.

Straw hats are down to \$1.75 each; all our \$3 to \$5 grades of sennits, splits, Milans and Mackinaws. Panamas of \$5 to \$50 grades are \$3.75 to \$19.50.

Swiss straw helmets for golf and boating are \$1.75. English felt picnic hats are \$1. New white felt hats are \$4—flat brim, curl brim, alpine punch crown and helmet style.

Note—These \$4 felt hats are attracting the observant eyes of women, too.

Silk caps and hats for golf and tennis, \$1 and \$2.

Plenty of bathing suits, all worsted, \$2.75 to \$10. Play shirts of cool white chevrot, \$1 and \$1.50.



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Day shirts, 85c, \$1.10—two rare special offerings; good choosing in sizes 14 to 17.

Silk shirts, fine, \$3.50.

New neckties arrive daily; some extra good bow ties, 17c each, 3 for 50c.

Pajamas of cool nainsook or madras, \$1, \$1.50, \$2; silk, \$5 upward.

Ratine towel bathrobes, \$3.

English white cashmere socks for golf, boating and tennis, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1, \$1.50.

Lisle thread socks from France, \$1.25, \$1.50; silk and silk-pleated socks, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Cool undershirts and drawers, 50c each; union suits, 70c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$3.

Smart comfortable shoes for everyday wear, variety of styles, \$4 pair.

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Taplow Tennis Rackets
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Fishing Tackle
Bicycles, Rowboats
(Sixth Gallery, New Building.)

A Sunday Newspaper Which Will Interest, Amuse and Instruct Every Member of the Family

The Sun.



Do you know what the "Lining of New York" is? Neither did Jane Dixon until a man with a machine gun brain told her, and then she knew that he meant the underworld. She writes about it in THE SUNDAY SUN. Her story is called: "Things Lost and Found in the Lining of New York."

"Playing Daniel in a Coney Island Den of Lions" is a sport only for the most courageous, such as Capt. Jack Bonavita—another story that will be presented succinctly.

Brave Hearts Beneath the Black Skins of the Fighting Tenth, U. S. A., as Major Frank Keck tells the story of this black cavalry that fights so well for Uncle Sam.

There is another short story in the series to do with a New York Night's Entertainment. This one is entitled "The Story of the Benevolent Mr. Wong." It is a Chinese tale in a Chinese setting; yet there is nothing essentially Chinese about the estimable Shantung restaurant in Chinatown. Like everything else in THE SUN, it is well written and interesting.

Other features that go to make up the Sunday paper, and which have their own individual piquancy, are The News in Rhyme, by Dana Burnet; and the illustrated fable that John Held depicts in his inimitable fashion of the wood cuts.

To satisfy the craving for serious food for thought there

will be the article on Ireland by Maud Gonne, who is called the Irish Joan of Arc; Mrs. Ballington Booth on the "One Bright Spot in the Dark World of Prisons," or "Why American Diplomacy Has Failed in Russia."

The interesting places in the world, the events taking place there, and the men who dominate these events, will be portrayed in THE SUN'S pictorial supplement. The pictures are remarkable in the graphic tale they tell and they deal with the news of the day.

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